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To: <u>Billington, Tracie;</u>

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Subject: No on SVIRWM Plan at this Point

Date: Thursday, February 08, 2007 4:52:54 PM

Attachments:

Dear Tracie,

I am writing to express my serious concerns about current plans to fund or partially fund the Sacramento Valley Integrated Regional Water Management (SVIRWM) implementation proposal.

Most of the proposed projects maybe detrimental to Butte County and its communities, their economies, our robust regional agricultural--our richly diverse environment. Before taking such dramatic action, I believe the people of our area need to be fully engaged in a serious conversation about the possible impacts of these changes.

Needless to say, it is clear to me that the SVIRWM Plan does not represent the "grassroots" desires of this area, and certainly not the people of Chico and Oroville or rural residents who rely on private wells--nor the public interest.

The Northern California Water Association (NCWA) and its Joint Powers Authority (JPA) do not represent Butte County.

Further, the SVIRWM Plan fails to accurately assess the condition of the aquifer, hydrologic flows, and the likely effects of prolonged drought. Water extraction preparation is clearly premature.

I would rather see the DWR and SWRCB recognize--and further encourage--California's declining per-capita water demand.

Sincerely,

Kim Weir